

NOMINATION OF DANIEL ROBERT GLICKMAN, OF KANSAS, TO BE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Daniel Glickman, of Kansas, to be Secretary of Agriculture.

ORDER FOR VOTE ON GLICKMAN NOMINATION

Mr. DOLE. I ask unanimous consent that the vote occur on the confirmation of Mr. Glickman at 10:25 a.m. on Thursday, March 30, 1995.

Mr. President, I further ask unanimous consent that following the vote on the confirmation of Mr. Glickman, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action and the Senate return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, Senator HATFIELD is here, and if Members on either side have amendments that could be disposed of this evening following the discussion of the Glickman nomination, which I do not think will take very long, he would be prepared to do that.

I yield the floor.

Mr. LEAHY addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Vermont is recognized.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I rise today in support of the nomination of Dan Glickman to be Secretary of Agriculture. Dan and I have worked together on four farm bills.

No matter how active or informed the members of the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry are, we cannot put together a good farm bill without an active administration. I know personally from speaking to the President that Dan Glickman has his confidence. Mr. Glickman has the President's mandate to develop a farm bill that makes sense for both rural Americans and the taxpayers of this country as a whole.

I know that Dan Glickman will be an ideal person to represent this administration as we try to develop farm policies that make sense for farmers, for consumers, for the environment, and for this country.

Dan Glickman was born in Wichita on November 24, 1944. He was first elected to Congress in 1976—just 2 years after I began my service in the Senate.

As a veteran of the House Agriculture Committee, he has mastered the arcane details of U.S. farm programs.

Again and again in his career he has fought to focus farm subsidies on low- and middle-income farmers and tried to increase Federal oversight of the commodity futures markets.

These are battles in which I am proud I was allied with him.

One of the things that I like best about Dan Glickman is his self-deprecating sense of humor. This was highlighted in a recent story in the New York Times. Mr. Glickman was

joking about the Capitol's notorious reputation for abandoning those out of power. Mr. Glickman said, "The only one working in the family now is our son and he won't take our calls."

On the night of his election loss Congressman Glickman commented: "I liken it to a bear market; sometimes the good stocks got hit every bit as much as the bad stocks. In this case, I think I was a good stock."

Fortunately, for all of us, the stock market has shifted direction again. How high Dan Glickman's stock has risen again will be clear tonight when he is overwhelmingly approved by the Senate.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, as the longest sitting member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, I welcome the administrations choice to appoint Dan Glickman as Secretary of Agriculture. I have worked with Dan Glickman as a Congressman from the State of Kansas for a number of years. I can attest to his commitment to agricultural issues and I know the qualifications that he brings to the job.

Throughout his 18 years in Congress, he earned a reputation as a Congressman who understands the issues, who listens, and who works with his colleagues to find common ground.

Congressman PAT ROBERTS, Senator NANCY KASSEBAUM, and I introduced Dan to the Senate Agriculture Committee. I think that it is very significant that we three Republicans support this nomination. We may all share a Kansas background, but more importantly we know from working with Dan that he is more interested in solving problems than scoring partisan points.

His experience speaks for itself. He has helped write the last four farm bills—the last one as the chairman of the Subcommittee on Wheat, Soybeans and Feed Grains. We all know that the 1995 farm bill will be difficult to write. The Agriculture Committee's recent hearings have hinted at the tough choices that lie ahead. We will need an experienced, committed advocate at the Department of Agriculture. Dan Glickman recognizes the weaknesses and strengths in our current policies, and the fiscal constraints that will play an important role in shaping our future policies. Above all, he realizes that the foundation of our Nation is American Agriculture.

Mr. President, the people of Kansas are proud of Dan Glickman. I am pleased to recommend him to be Secretary of Agriculture. I, too, hope there will be an overwhelming vote.

Mrs. KASSEBAUM. Mr. President, I rise today in support of the nomination of Dan Glickman to become the next Secretary of Agriculture. Dan and I are long-time friends, and share a mutual appreciation and admiration for an agriculture system that provides the wholesome, abundant, and inexpensive food supply that all Americans now enjoy.

For the past 18 years, Dan has ably and effectively served agriculture as a

Member of the House of Representatives, representing Kansas' Fourth District. During his tenure, Dan provided outstanding leadership as a member of the House Committee on Agriculture. Many of us recognize the important role Dan has played in the effort to help U.S. agriculture compete in an increasingly global marketplace by expanding and strengthening our country's export programs. Dan also has been instrumental in congressional efforts to improve U.S. grain quality standards, making our commodity exports more attractive to potential foreign buyers.

I know Dan to be a competent, thoughtful, and articulate spokesman for agriculture. He has forged strong relationships with producers, agribusinesses, and legislators. These relationships will prove invaluable as he begins his work as Secretary of Agriculture.

Mr. President, rural communities depend on a vibrant and prosperous agriculture industry to support schools, churches, hospitals, community organizations, and main street businesses. I firmly believe that a key to our economic prosperity is the continued emphasis on American exports. During this year's farm bill debate, we must commit ourselves to crafting agriculture policy that allows our producers to compete in the 21st century, global marketplace, strengthening our rural communities in the process. It is also imperative that we continue to look for ways to improve effective programs, while eliminating costly, obsolete programs. Dan Glickman will play a vital role in achieving this ambitious, yet attainable goal.

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I rise today in support of the confirmation of Dan Glickman as the Secretary of Agriculture.

The post of Secretary of Agriculture is important to this Senator and vital to American agriculture. His confirmation will bring an outstanding advocate for farmers to the Clinton administration.

Agriculture in this Nation is very diverse. While on the surface Kansas and Montana agriculture are similar—we produce wheat and beef—there are some significant differences as well. And there are myriad variations in the agricultural industry which is found across this Nation.

As we focus our attention on the 1995 farm bill, he will bring an expertise to this debate which will be critical and beneficial to all—but especially to our farmers. His experience, knowledge, and skill will help us guide farm policy into the 21st century. I look forward to working with him on that important task.

With the confirmation of Dan Glickman, I am confident that help is on the way in dealing with several crises facing Montana. While I am concerned about the closure of the region I Forest

Service office in Missoula, MT, I hope that Secretary Glickman will review the Forest Service reorganization plan and that he will stop any actions which make no sense—like the proposed Missoula closure.

Although I remain concerned about the need for expanded agricultural research and stability within the Agricultural Research Service, I know that before stations are closed, Secretary Glickman will help identify critical research and make certain such research is not unnecessarily eliminated just to show that locations are being cut.

Finally, today I am heartened that we will soon see a heightened sense of cooperation between the Department of Agriculture and the Department of the Interior. Whether it is animal damage control on our Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management properties or prevention of the spread of brucellosis between bison and cattle, I know we can expect greater teamwork.

I am confident that Mr. Glickman is well prepared for the challenges ahead of him. I congratulate him and I look forward to rolling up our sleeves and getting to work.

Thank you Mr. President. I yield the floor.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. DOLE. I now ask that the Senate return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the Senate will return to legislative session.

COMMENDING CHICK REYNOLDS ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

Mr. DOLE. I send a resolution to the desk on behalf of myself and Senator DASCHLE and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will state the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 96) commending Chick Reynolds on the occasion of his retirement.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the resolution?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

RETIREMENT OF CHICK REYNOLDS

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, our friend Chick Reynolds, chief reporter of the Official Reporters of Debates, has notified the Secretary of the Senate that he intends to retire effective July 7, 1995.

Mr. Reynolds' remarkable Senate career began in 1974 when he was appointed an official reporter of debates. He later became the chief reporter in 1988. Mr. Reynolds' service has been honorable as well as memorable—his reporting has often landed him in the center of the day's headlines.

In his two decades of service, Mr. Reynolds reported Federal agency hearings and various committee testi-

monies in both the House and the Senate, including such notable events as the Joseph McCarthy and Jimmy Hoffa hearings. He covered the White House during the Kennedy, Johnson, and Nixon administrations.

And Mr. Reynolds is truly a part of our country's great history. During his assignment in the Kennedy administration, he reported President Kennedy's famous Berlin speech and was in the Presidential motorcade on that tragic day in Dallas, when President Kennedy was assassinated.

Mr. Reynolds has served the Senate and the Nation with distinction and loyalty for over 20 years. I know all Senators will join me in wishing Chick and his wife, Lucille, our sincere gratitude and our prayers in his retirement.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the resolution is agreed to and the preamble is agreed to.

So the resolution (S. Res. 96) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, is as follows:

Whereas Chick Reynolds will retire from service to the United States Senate after twenty years as a member of the staff of the Official Reporters of Debates;

Whereas he has served the United States Senate with honor and distinction since joining the staff of the Official Reporters of Debates on July 1, 1974;

Whereas his hard work and outstanding excellence as an official reporter resulted in his appointment to the position of Chief Reporter on May 1, 1988;

Whereas, Chick Reynolds, as Chief Reporter of the Congressional Record, has at all times executed the important duties and responsibilities of his office with great efficiency and diligence;

Whereas Chick Reynolds has demonstrated loyal dedication to the United States Senate as an institution and leaves a legacy of superior and professional service: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the United States Senate expresses its deep appreciation and gratitude to Chick Reynolds for his years of faithful and exemplary service to his country and to the United States Senate.

SEC. 2. The Secretary shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Chick Reynolds.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

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The Senate continued with the consideration of the nomination.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, let me join with the others who have risen in support of this important nomination. I want to thank the majority leader for bringing this matter to the floor at

this time. This is a very important and timely issue for a lot of reasons.

Obviously, there are many extraordinary decisions that the Senate and Congress must make over the course of the next several months, and we need the leadership that Congressman Glickman can provide in this regard.

There are many who would like to begin working with him very earnestly, at the earliest possible date, to begin the process of developing another 5-year farm bill. We need to get on with that. We need to recognize how important it is that this farm bill be passed expeditiously.

Certainly, the sooner we can get this nomination confirmed, the better. I am excited about this nomination for a lot of reasons. I believe that Dan Glickman is perhaps one of the most qualified people to be nominated for this position, at least in recent memory.

He understands the importance of agriculture, of rural America, of all of the challenges that we face as we consider the transition that rural America is now experiencing.

He is extraordinary on creative bipartisan consensus on policy issues, as well as on the strategy regarding a number of the legislative matters that will come before the Senate. I believe that his bipartisan consensus building skills will serve everyone well.

Dan Glickman has served in the Congress for a long time. As a member of the House Agriculture Committee, he has been the leader on countless legislative issues relating to farm bills and agriculture. He deserves our support. We all recognize the leadership he has provided. He deserves the kind of consideration that he is being given this evening.

Mr. President, I think it is also important to note that Dan Glickman is one of the most accessible people I know. He is willing to go the extra mile, to talk with people, to be available as questions arise, both on and off the hill. He is willing to travel. He is willing to go out into the far reaches of this country to address in the most meaningful and considered way the broad range of issues that the Secretary of Agriculture must consider.

He is an outstanding legislator who is ready to lead on a whole range of issues that I know will be on his desk in the not-too-distant future. He has been an advocate of increasing trade with other countries. While he had specific reservations about the most recent trade agreement, Dan Glickman understands how important trade is, how important it is that we reach out to other countries and create new markets.

He recognizes, as well, the value of the new market development that we need to improve farm prices. He recognizes that value-added markets are really the key to long-term agricultural development. We cannot look to the farm bill to create artificial price mechanisms. We have to go out and build the markets both internationally and domestically.